

REMARKS

Applicants have corrected the errors of form noted by the Examiner in the claim amendments previously submitted.

The term “previously presented” has been replaced with “original” with respect to claims 1-22 and 26-34.

In order to resolve the problem of the placement of cancelled claims 36-38 relative to claims 35 and 39, the following has been done:

- a) Because there were two distinct claims labeled “claim 34” in the initial application as filed, the second “claim 34” has been canceled. (In the Non-Compliant Amendment, this second “claim 34” had been relabeled as claim 35.)
- b) Original claim 35 has been left in its original form. (In the Non-Compliant Amendment, this claim 35 had been relabeled as claim 39.)
- c) Claims 36-38 have been cancelled, as before.
- d) A new claim 39 has been added, after claim 38, copying the canceled second “claim 34.”
- e) New claims 40-46 follow claim 39, as before.

With these corrections, Applicants now have added new claims 39 - 46, have canceled claim 34 (the second) to correct a numbering error, and have canceled claims 23 - 25 and 36 - 38. The new claims are supported by the specification.

Applicants renew their request made in their previously-filed Response To Restriction Requirement And Preliminary Amendment that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement made in the Office Action dated July 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement does not meet the test set forth in M.P.E.P. §803, namely there is no undue burden on the Examiner to examine all

of the pending claims. To comply with the Rules, however, Applicants repeat the provisional elections set forth below, previously made in the Response To Restriction Requirement And Preliminary Amendment. In making these elections, Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the unelected claims in a divisional application.

With respect to Group A, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, claim 19, and claims 20-22 and newly added claims 43-46, which depend therefrom.

Applicants note that although the Office Action identified claim 14 as one of the claims in the “Methods of Associating Errors” group, subject to the restriction requirement, that identification likely was a typographical error, as claim 14 unlike claims 15-19 is not a further limitation on “associating errors.” Applicants therefore request that the Examiner withdraw that portion of the restriction requirement relating to claim 14.

With respect to Group B, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, claim 35, and the newly added claims 40-42, which depend therefrom.

Applicants further state that as the Examiner recognized, claim 1 is a generic claim, and hence that all claims dependent upon it should be considered upon its allowance.

It is believed that the addition of new claims 39 - 46 does not introduce any new matter into the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the previously-filed Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment, with the corrective amendments set forth herein, now be accepted. Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and request such action.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' Attorney if questions arise regarding this Response.

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